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CLAIMS

- 5        1. (Amended) Detergent granules comprising a non-soap, anionic surfactant and an inorganic salt undetectable by X-ray diffraction method, wherein the molar ratio of [inorganic salt undetectable by X-ray diffraction method]/[non-soap, anionic surfactant] is from 0.1 to 1.0, and wherein the non-soap, anionic surfactant is contained in the detergent granules in an amount of 28% by weight or more and less than 50% by weight.
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with a water-soluble, solid, alkali inorganic substance,  
wherein a dry-neutralizing step is carried out in the  
presence of 0.1 to 1.0 mol of an inorganic acid per mol of  
said liquid acid precursor of a non-soap, anionic  
5 surfactant, and wherein the resulting detergent granules  
contain the non-soap, anionic surfactant in an amount of  
28% by weight or more and less than 50% by weight, and  
have a molar ratio of [inorganic salt undetectable by X-  
ray diffraction method]/[non-soap, anionic surfactant] of  
10 from 0.1 to 1.0.

4. (Amended) A method for producing detergent  
granules, comprising the step of dry-neutralizing a  
liquid acid precursor of a non-soap, anionic surfactant  
15 with a water-soluble, solid, alkali inorganic substance,  
wherein a dry-neutralizing step is carried out in the  
presence of 0.3 to 1.0 mol of an inorganic acid per mol of  
said liquid acid precursor of a non-soap, anionic  
surfactant, and wherein the resulting detergent granules  
20 contain the non-soap, anionic surfactant in an amount of  
15% by weight or more and less than 28% by weight, and  
have a molar ratio of [inorganic salt undetectable by X-  
ray diffraction method]/[non-soap, anionic surfactant] of  
from 0.3 to 1.0.

5. (Amended) The method according to claim 3 or 4,  
further comprising the step of adding a free-flowing aid  
after the dry-neutralizing step, to surface-modify the  
detergent granules.

6. (Amended) The method according to claim 3 or 4,  
further comprising the step of adding a liquid component  
after the dry-neutralizing step.

10 7. The method according to claim 6, further  
comprising the step of adding a free-flowing aid after the  
step of adding a liquid component, to surface-modify the  
detergent granules.

15a d 8. (Amended) The method according to any one of  
<sup>or 4</sup> claims 3, ~~to 7~~, wherein said liquid acid precursor of a  
non-soap, anionic surfactant is a linear  
alkylbenzenesulfonic acid obtained by  $\text{SO}_3$  gas sulfonation  
method.

20 a 9. (Amended) The method according to any one of  
<sup>or 4</sup> claims 3, ~~to 6~~, wherein an amount of an inorganic acid  
preexisting in the liquid acid precursor of a non-soap,  
anionic surfactant is 0.09 mol or less per mol of said  
25 liquid acid precursor of a non-soap, anionic surfactant.

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~~claims 3 to 9,~~ or 4  
10. (Amended) The method according to ~~any one of~~  
acid or phosphoric acid.

*Sulf*  
*acid*  
*add*  
5 11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

*Sulf*  
*acid*  
*add*  
10 13. (Amended) A high-bulk density detergent  
composition having a bulk density of 500 g/L or more,  
comprising the detergent granules according to claim 1 or  
2, or the detergent granules obtainable by the method of  
~~any one of claims 3 to 10.~~ or 4

*Add*  
*B*

*Add*  
*C4*